DAL BIOGRAPHIES

County, 1775; Transquakin Hundred, Dorchester County, 1776. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: George Daffin, of St. Mary's County. MOTHER: Susannah, widow of William Aisquith (?-ca. 1741), of St. Mary's County. BROTHERS: Charles Daffin (?-1794); John, who probably died without progeny; and George, who died without progeny. HALF BROTHERS: William Aisquith (?-1804), of Baltimore County; Thomas Aisquith (ca. 1740-ca. 1770), who died without progeny. HALF SISTERS: Mary Aisquith (?-by 1770), who married (first name unknown) Piercy: Ann Aisquith, who married Nicholas Sherwood; and Susannah Aisquith, who married David Hellen. MARRIED in 1775 Elinor (ca. 1738-1793), daughter of Col. Joseph Ennalls (1702-1759) and wife Mary; granddaughter of Joseph Ennalls (?-1709); niece of William Ennalls (?-1731), Bartholomew Ennalls (ca. 1700-1783), Elizabeth Ennalls (?-by 1739), who married Charles Goldsborough (1707-1767), and Mary Ennalls, who married Henry Hooper (ca. 1687-1767). Her brothers were John Ennalls (by 1746-1778): William Ennalls (?-1785). Her sisters were Mary (?-by 1766), who married David Murray: Ann (Nancy) (1750-1803), who married Thomas Muse: and Elizabeth. Her first cousins were Joseph Ennalls (ca. 1745-1779); Henry Hooper, Jr. (ca. 1727-1790); Robert Goldsborough (1733-1788); Mary Ennalls, who married Ennalls Hooper (?-ca. 1763); Ann Ennalls (ca. 1729-by 1790), who married Henry Hooper, Jr. (ca. 1727-1790); and Elizabeth Greenberry Goldsborough (ca. 1731-1820), who married William Ennalls (?-1785). CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CA-REER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIA-TION: Anglican, Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1778; Esq., 1786. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, in partnership with his brother Charles Daffin (?-1794), by 1775. PUBLIC CAREER, LEGIS-LATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Dorchester County, 1777-1778, 1793. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Dorchester County, elected 1775; justice, Dorchester County, ca. 1783-1788 (did not qualify in 1788); trustee for the poor, Dorchester County, appointed 1785 (refused to serve); justice, Orphans' Court, Dorchester County, 1786-1788 (did not qualify in 1788); Great Choptank Parish Vestry, Dorchester County, in office 1788-1790, 1790-1792, 1795. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1776; major, by 1786; colonel, by 1795. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRI-VATE ISSUES manumitted several slaves in his will. requesting that those slave families not manumitted be kept as closely connected as possible.

WEALTH DURING LIFETIME, PERSONAL PROP-ERTY: 40 slaves, 1776; assessed value £1,883,11.8. including 43 slaves and 35 oz. plate, 1783, LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 644 acres in Dorchester County (all acquired through marriage). SIGNIFI-CANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELEC-TION AND DEATH: purchased 150 acres in St. Mary's County, date unknown; acquired 800 additional acres in Dorchester County, which his wife inherited from her brother John Ennalls (by 1746-1778), ca. 1780. At his wife's death Daffin became heir to one-fourth part of 11,009 acres in Dorchester County, which he would have inherited through the Ennalls family after the death of his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Greenberry Goldsborough Ennalls (1731-1820). Elizabeth outlived him, however, and he never obtained actual possession of this land. WEALTH AT DEATH, DIED: will probated on June 27, 1796, in Dorchester County. PER-SONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: 1,601 acres in Dorchester and St. Mary's counties, plus a lot in Cambridge and a water lot in Vienna, Dorchester County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Daffin appears to have been a man of colorful language. In explaining why he did not leave more land to a nephew who already had a large estate. he told his executor that he did not "think it worthwhile to greese a fat Sow in the Arse." In his will Daffin manumitted several slaves, bequeathing them to themselves and the devil, the prince of darkness, or the Knight of LaMancha. Daffin even provided an expense account for one of the slaves to be used during his journeys through the plutonian regions. This apparently was a ruse to ensure that no other person would interfere with their freedom.

DALLAM, RICHARD (1743-1820). BORN: on September 24, 1743, in St. John's Parish, Baltimore County; second of three surviving sons. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore County (later became Harford County); Abingdon, Harford County, until ca. 1807 when he moved to Logan County, Kentucky. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Maj. William Dallam (ca. 1706-1761), of Baltimore County; son of Richard Dallam (?-1714), a lawyer of Calvert County who immigrated by May 1701, served as clerk of the Lower House from 1708 to 1713 and deputy commissary of Calvert County in 1713, and who married Elizabeth (Betty), daughter of William Martin, of Calvert County. Elizabeth Martin Dallam subsequently married William Smith, Gent. (?-1731), of Calvert County and later of Baltimore County. MOTHER: Elizabeth (?-1748), daughter of